CWP No. 963 of 2000.

18.9.2006 Present: Mr. Ramakant Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Janesh Mahajan, Central Government Counsel for respondents 1 to 4.

When the matter was taken up for hearing, Mr. Janesh Mahajan appearing on behalf of the respondents raised an objection that since the petitioner is a Civilian Non-Commandant Employee of the ARTRAC, which falls under the Union of India, this Court has no jurisdiction and the remedy of the petitioner is to approach the Central Administrative Tribunal only. Mr. Ramakant Sharma could not counter this argument.

Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is a civilian employee of the Union of India the jurisdiction with regard to his service matter lies in the Central Administrative Tribunal. The proper course for the petitioner is to first approach the Central Administrative Tribunal and this Court has no jurisdiction to directly entertain the matter. The petition is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner approaches the

Administrative Tribunal within one month from today the period spent in pursuing the writ petition may be excluded by the Central Administrative Tribunal while calculating the period of limitation.

The petition is disposed of.

September 18, 2006. **(Deepak Gupta),**
(rc) **Judge.**